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To : Chief, SE
Attn: []
FROM : Senior Representative, []
SUBJECT: GENERAL BGFRIEND/Param
SPECIFIC Apple Resupply Briefing

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1. Following is the general briefing given to Throwoff/2 prior to his infiltration. The briefing consisted of oral instruction to Throwoff/2 and written instructions to Apple Team leader.
2. Oral instructions:
 - a. Explain to team leader that the reason for the long delay in making the drop was due to the team's inability to answer their control questions properly.
 - b. It is essential that in the future the team answer the case officer's danger signals. Failure to do so will cause delays in future drops.
 - c. Upon making contact with Apple Tree you will come under the command of Captain Zenel. He has been fully instructed as to his responsibilities and will make all decisions pertaining to the security and operations for your team.
 - d. You are to inform the team that on all future drops they should use the letter "K" (Morse code) in addition to the wind "T" to properly identify your D/Z's. The letter "K" should be sent either by hand lights or in small fires off to the right side of wind "T".
 - e. When two scheduled daylight contacts are missed, you will then attempt daily contact with base as per signal plan, until contact is made. Upon making contact you will again go back to your normal schedule.
3. Written instructions:

All written instructions were reviewed with Throwoff/2, but because of the emphasis placed on the radio briefing it was felt that items of information desired by base should be hand carried. Following are the items contained in the written instructions:

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a. All troop

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Which hours are heard best, which frequency, how well are they heard. You must listen on your radio for this program.

4. Attached herewith as attachments are (1) C's letter to Apple, (2) Commo briefing, and (3) container manifest. Air Support flight debriefing will follow.

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Attachments herewith

1. Letter to Apple
2. Commo briefing
3. Container Manifest

Distribution:

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Attachment 1 to []

Dear Friends,

We send you greetings and best wishes for your continued success during the new year. Your King is aware of your fine work and is being informed of your progress. Your situation has been discussed with him. Like all of us, he also is greatly concerned over Tahir's health. Naturally, we all hope that you will be able to remain and carry on your work but we must leave the final decision up to your captain and leader. In the event you are forced to return, we feel the safest route is to cross over to where your captain's ^{in-law} brother/was living and then move towards the base making use of your compatriots along the route for help. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange a safe passage should the authorities there arrest you.

We feel that your captain should return to the base to report to us and to his King in the Springtime. After this he will return to you. We propose two methods for his reaching the base. First, we could send Hamit to meet him at a prearranged time at the rendezvous point which you would send us. Secondly, we could arrange for Hamit to meet him at the point where you received your first food supplies on your route last year. However, the final decision as to time and place must be left to the captain and we would do our best to have Hamit ^{back} meet him and act as his escort/to the base.

Your welfare has been continually in our minds and we have never ceased thinking of you and are making every possible effort to send you aid and help.

LONG LIVE ALBANIA!!

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Attachment 2 to SGAA- 2478

MEMORANDUM TO: FROM:

SUBJECT: W/T Briefing of Throwoff/2

1. Throwoff/2, from the time he was originally recruited for Apple W/T support, was briefed and checked out on all aspects of agent W/T operations with the able assistance of the Wemca/Balkans training staff.

2. In view of the subject's former training and experience, a minimum of time was needed in the mechanical aspects involved; actual operation of the RS-5 radio set and the use of radio procedure and signal plans.

3. Practice contacts with base were made from the safehouse, in which he was quartered, as well as the field. When the subject was able to make contact with base regularly and satisfactorily, live traffic (actual messages in the subject's language) was substituted for the dummy traffic formerly transmitted. In this way his style of message make-up became known to us and ours to him. A few differences which naturally occurred were fully discussed and eliminated.

4. During these practice contacts, the subject's left and right "fists" were fingerprinted. These tapes are presently in the possession of Commo and are available for possible future reference.

5. The subject was also briefed on sending map coordinates, drop zones, and Albanian time in relation to GMT time.

6. Throwoff/2 was requested to report as soon as circumstances permit on the condition of the radios and batteries Apple Team presently has at its disposal.

7. Special emphasis was placed on the danger signals. They were:

a. Imminent danger signal. Field sends QRT.

b. External radio danger signal:

(1) Negative danger control: Field advances first 3 elements of call by one; thus ALP DE DIG will become EMQ DE DIG.

(2) Positive control: Field sends call as per signal plan.

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c. Confirmation digit

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c. Confirmation digit (Number field will use to end his messages):

- (1) Negative control: Field enciphers the constant digit 3.
- (2) Positive control: Field enciphers any digit except 3.
- (3) Base at all times sends any digit except 4.

d. Cryptographic word:

(1) Negative control: Field enciphers the word "ROCK" (GUR) immediately following his message number, i.e., Msg. #5 "GUR rpt GUR" - followed by the message text,

(2) Positive control: Field discontinues the encipherment of "GUR."

e. Base crypto challenge:

Every time the base issues a crypto challenge, it will encipher the digit "4" as the constant digit. On all messages with the next contact, the field will encipher the digit "2" if the control is negative. If the control is positive, the field simply ignores this challenge. (See 7.c.)

f. Prearranged control sentence: Throwoff/2 will incorporate in his first message the phrase "The snows have arrived" if team not under control. This sentence will only be sent in his first message.

g. Case officer control questions:

(1) Is your Leter Njoftim in order?

(a) Negative control: "My Leter Njoftim is no good."

(b) Positive control: "Yes my Leter Njoftim is in order."

(2) Do you need any Leks?

(a) Negative control: Send us maps

(b) Positive control: Answer yes or no to question.

In this case, two case officer control questions were chosen rather than one. Care was taken to use questions which were unlikely to confuse field, in any situation which may arise, into believing them to be legitimate questions. The subject was also briefed on the necessity of these signals and the difficulties which were apt to come up if they were forgotten or used incorrectly.

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CONTAINER #1 - 130 lbs.

2 pr.	shoes
8 pr.	stockings
6 boxes	concentrated rations
2 ✓	sleeping bags
2 ✓	Lathis
4 ✓	Lathi clips
4 ✓	blankets
2 sets	underwear
2 ✓	caps
2 pr.	woolen gloves
2 pr.	leather gloves
3 boxes	C rations
500 rnds.	9 mm ammunition
1 ✓	medical kit (special)

CONTAINER #2 - 130 lbs.

2 pr.	shoes
4 pr.	socks
6 boxes	concentrated rations
2 ✓	sleeping bags
2 ✓	Lathis
4 ✓	Lathi clips
4 ✓	blankets
2 sets	underwear
2 ✓	caps
2 pr.	woolen gloves
2 pr.	leather gloves
3 boxes	rations
500 rnds.	9 mm ammunition
1 ✓	medical kit (special)

CONTAINER #3 - 30 lbs.

2 pkgs.	soap
1	medical kit
25 pkgs.	razor blades
1 pkg.	halvas
4 pkgs.	needles
7 rolls	thread
1 pkg.	raisins

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CONTAINER #3 (Continued)

2 qts.	brandy
2 cartons	cigarettes
3	pipes
3 pkgs.	pipe tobacco
2	blankets
50 pkgs.	cigarette papers
1	O.D. shirt
1	raincoat
1	razor
1 can	DDT
5 ✓	Schmeisser clips
2 ✓	Schmeisser clip holders
1 ✓	dagger
1	mirror
2 sets	underwear
3 pr.	socks

CONTAINER #4 - 30 lbs.

2 pkgs.	soap
1	medical kit
25 pkgs.	razor blades
1 pkg.	halvas
4 pkgs.	needles
7 rolls	thread
1 pkg.	raisins
2 qts.	brandy
2 cartons	cigarettes
3	pipes
2	blankets
50 pkgs.	cigarette papers
1 pr. ✓	binoculars
1	top coat
1 pr.	gloves
1	toilet kit
1 ✓	sheath knife
2	towels
6 ✓	Schmeisser clips
	Antenna wire
	cleaning fluid
	cleaning rod

Note; Containers 1 and 3 were attached together to one parachute while containers 2 and 4 were attached together to the second parachute. Thus two parachutes with a total of 4 containers were dropped to the team.

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Long underwear
Turtle neck sweater
O.D. shirt
Combat boots
Heavy stockings
Ski suit
Schmeisser
2 Schmeisser clips
Schmeisser holster
Lathi
2 Lathi clips
Money belt (290 gold sovereigns)
1 pack aureomycin capsules
gloves
Flash light
Signal plan
Crystals
4 one time pads
3 pads blank paper
10 leaflets
Compass
Map
Jacket
Jack knife
Flint

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